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NASA Administrator Remembers Congressman Herbert H. Bateman as Avid Supporter of Air and Space Program

The following is a statement by NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin regarding the death, Sept. 11, of nine-term U.S. Representative Herbert Bateman, who was 72.

"I am personally saddened, as is the entire NASA family, to learn of the passing of Congressman Herb Bateman. Congressman Bateman was devoted to America's air and space program. It was my honor as NASA Administrator to work with him for nearly a decade.



Herb Bateman was always there for the Nation's aeronautics and space program. He consistently placed the interest of America above all else.

He was an ardent supporter of the important aeronautics and space programs conducted by the NASA Langley Research Center and the Wallops Flight Facility.

He was a strong advocate for aggressive efforts to improve aircraft safety, efficiency and performance, with benefits ranging from individual aircraft to the entire airspace system.

During this Congress, he provided the leadership supporting a decision by the

House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation to hold an unprecedented hearing on the future of aerospace transportation, which provided an opportunity for the Committee, industry and the public to understand the goals and challenges in developing long-range technology to meet this Nation's aerospace transportation requirement.

Congressman Herb Bateman devoted constant time and energy working to improve America's aerospace capabilities. He will be sorely missed by the Langley Research Center, Wallops Flight Facility, NASA, and America."

Wallops Statement on the Death of Congressman Bateman

"We were saddened to hear about the death of Congressman Bateman. Throughout his service in the U.S. Congress, Mr. Bateman has been a supporter of the research conducted by NASA, especially that at the Wallops Flight Facility and the Langley Research Center.

He recognized the importance of our research for the future of Americans and the impact this research has on the economy of the Eastern Shore and the entire country. His leadership will be missed."

Arnold L. Torres
Wallops Senior Manager

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Bateman Funeral

Betty Flowers, PAO, representing NASA GSFC and WFF attended the Prayer Service on Thursday evening, Sept. 14 and Funeral Service on Friday, Sept. 15 for Congressman Bateman.

Speakers Bureau

Mike Savoy, PAO Teacher on Loan, participated in the Children's Day activities at the Centre at Salisbury on Sept. 16.

Melanie Williams, Lisa Johnson, and Chuck Grant staffed an exhibit at the Onancock Regatta held on Sept. 16.

Fire Department Responses

Sept. 7 to Sept. 14
Aircraft Standbys — 33
Fire Alarms — 3
Ambulance Calls — 1
Mutual Aid Assistance — Motor vehicle accident on Chincoteague.

Beach Cleanup

Wallops employees, family members and friends turned out on Wallops Island, Saturday, Sept. 16 for Coastal Cleanup 2000.

The annual event is a project of the Center for Marine Conservation. This year 27 volunteers picked up 16 bags of trash for a total weight of 1,300 pounds.



Thanks to the following Wallops employees: Jack Vieira, Brenda Harrie, Don Grant, Shari Silbert, Andrea and Don Lilly, Alex Coleman, Linda Hood, Will Mast, Keva Scarborough and Keith Koehler.

NASA, NOAA's Satellite Ground System Ready

On the first anniversary of Hurricane Floyd, which brought flooding rains, high winds and rough seas along a good portion of the Atlantic seaboard on Sept. 14-18, 1999, NOAA is ready with a new backup station for its satellite Command and Data Acquisition Station located at Wallops Flight Facility. The backup station, at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., will ensure that data from NOAA's geostationary satellite that watches over the Atlantic Ocean will continue to flow if the primary site at Wallops is disabled by a hurricane.

The Wallops station acquires and distributes a continuous flow of data from NOAA's Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES) to users around the country. NOAA's environmental satellite system is composed of two types of satellites: GOES for national, regional, short-range warning and "now-casting" and polar-orbiting environmental satellites (POES) for global, long-term forecasting. Both kinds of satellites are necessary for providing a complete global weather monitoring system. GOES images are seen daily on television weather forecasts, monitoring cloud cover and hurricanes and providing special imaging of local severe weather systems.

The new backup station in Greenbelt will ensure data from NOAA's GOES satellites continue to flow if the Wallops station is threatened or hit by a hurricane. A new 54-foot antenna, weighing over a million pounds, is designed to operate through a Category 3 hurricane (130 mph); and can survive a Category 5 hurricane (155+ mph). The antenna has transmitters for sending commands to the satellites and receivers for collecting information from the satellites.

The backup station will normally be operated in a standby mode. Engineers, programmers and operators from the Wallops site will be deployed as necessary when a hurricane threatens Wallops or for other foreseeable emergencies, in which case, a rapid response team from NOAA's Satellite Operations Control Center in Suitland, Md., will initially bring the station on-line until personnel arrive from Wallops.

Pictures of the backup facility are online at: <ftp://pao.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/ribboncutting>

The Wallops Command Data Acquisition Station home page is located at: <http://wcda.noaa.gov/>

Recreational Use of Wallops Island

The north and south ends of Wallops Island are open for pedestrian use only effective Sept. 15. These areas were closed as part of a continuing cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the piping plover, a threatened species that is found along the Atlantic coast. Wallops Island provides good nesting and foraging habitat and is considered to be a prime pre-migratory staging area for the plovers.

Wallops Island’s recreational use area is north and south of the launch areas. Pedestrian access points are the dune crossing east of the old helicopter pad on the north end and the dune crossing east of Camera Station 15. Access for off-road-vehicles (ORVs) is by a dirt road and dune crossing northeast of Camera Station 15. This crossing is clearly marked and is the only authorized ORV access point.

The recreational beach area may be used only during non-operational hours between sunrise and sunset. Non-operational hours are normally weekends and holidays and before 7:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Launch activities may require additional closure of these areas outside of normal working hours.

Recreational beach users should remember:

- 1. Recreational areas are open from sunrise to sunset, non-duty hours only.
- 2. The launch areas are NEVER open for recreational use.
- 3. Maintain the natural state of the Island, properly dispose of all trash.
- 4. Open fires, pets and weapons are not allowed on Wallops Island.
- 5. ORV access is limited to the dune crossing by Camera Station 15.

Mammography Screenings

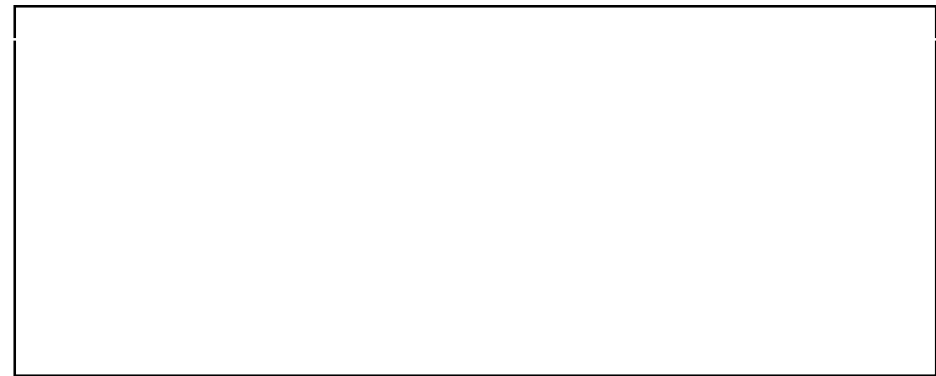
Sentara Leigh Hospital has scheduled their mobile unit to perform Mammography Screenings on Nov. 1 at Wallops Flight Facility.

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment or have additional questions, call the Wallops Health Unit, x1266.

**Fiscal New Year’s Party
September 29
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Music by Mr. B & The Boys**

Champagne, Breakfast, Party Favors \$10.00 per person

Tickets are available at the Exchange and Rocket Club. For additional information contact Bev Hall, x1714.



**International Luncheon
October 5
11:30 a.m.
Bldg. F-3**

Admission: One covered dish of any national origin. Appropriate native attire is suggested. To register your dish call Lisa Johnson, 1412 or Sandra Banks, x2526.



Understanding Learning Disabilities

The Employee Assistance Program will host a video presentation and discussion on Understanding Learning Disabilities, Sept. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Williamsburg Room, Building E-2.

Learning disabilities, or LD, are common to both children and adults (15-20% of the U.S. population). As parents of a child with a potential or diagnosed LD, it is imperative to understand LD to help these children learn and thrive in the world.

This video provides a powerful look into different experiences a child with LD encounters on a regular basis. The video also provides viewers with essential skills to help their child succeed.

Resources for additional information will be provided.

**Monthly Tail Gate Sale
September 20
11:30 a.m.**

Flag Court Parking Lot

Contractor, civil servant, and tenant employees are invited to participate. There is no charge for the space. Come out and sell your “treasures” in your garage or attic to someone else.

**From FEDWeek
Sept. 13 Issue
3.7 Percent Pay Raise All But Done Deal**

It is now virtually certain that general schedule federal employees will receive an average 3.7 percent raise in January 2001, since President Clinton passed up an opportunity under the federal pay law to recommend another figure for Congress to consider as it finishes its work year. Only final enactment of the fiscal 2001 treasury-postal appropriations bill, now awaiting final approval in Congress, is needed to make the 3.7 percent figure official. Wage grade employees will have their raises capped at the GS average figure.

C Fund Gained 6.19 Last Month

The Thrift Savings Plan stock C fund gained 6.19 percent in August, while the bond F fund increased by 1.46 percent and the government securities G fund gained 0.52 percent. For the period July 1999-August 2000, the increases were: C fund, 16.17 percent; F fund, 7.59 percent, and G fund, 6.55 percent.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Thomas Clements who died Sept. 12 in Pocomoke City, MD. Clements retired from the Aeronautical Programs Branch in 1985. He is survived by five children and two grandchildren.

Thrift Savings Plan Briefing

An overview of the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) program and future changes to the TSP will be presented on Sept. 27 and Oct. 5 at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The presentations will be in the Bldg. 8 Auditorium, Greenbelt and on NASA TV at Wallops. Representatives will address any employee questions. For further information contact Khrista White, x66-8208.

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